Rehabilitation of Pong Dam oustees

1417. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the oustees of Pong Dam in Himachal Pradesh were assured that they will be given irrigated land and other facilities like school, hospital in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the number of oustees provided with necessary facilities; and

(c) how many oustees left without being provided these facilities?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Government of India had announced the award in July, 1972 for resettlement of the Pong Dam oustees in Rajasthan. The Government of Rajasthan had notified Colonization (Allotment of Government Land to the Pong Dam Oustees in Indira Gandhi Nehar Pariyojna) Rules, 1972 under which each eligible oustee was entitled for allotment of 15.625 acres of land (one Murabba). In the first Stage, 5639 oustees were provided land in Ganganagar and Bikaner Districts in Rajasthan where facilities like drinking water, school, hospital etc. are available. In the second Stage, 2230 oustees were allotted land in Jaisalmer district in Rajasthan where necessary facilities are not available.

Assessment of power shortage

†1418. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite the target of additional power production achieved during the Tenth Five Year Plan, the shortage of power is likely to go up in the country;

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the quantum of power shortage to be witnessed from now and the 31st March, 2007 onwards;

(c) whether it is also a fact that shortage of power will differ from region to region; and

(d) if so, the likely quantum of power shortage in each region from the 31st March, 2007?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) No, Sir.

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